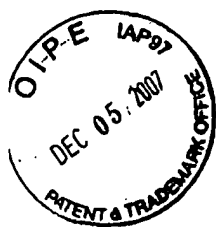


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Sir:

The following is in response of the Office Action dated October 10, 2007.

The present application has pending claims 1-19.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 7,167,902 B1. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, filed on even date herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating this rejection. Therefore, this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.